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	PERCENT CHANGE - ALL ITEMS INDEX	
	JANUARY 00/JANUARY 99	JANUARY 00/DECEMBER 99
MANITOBA	2.3	-0.1
CANADA	2.3	-0.1

The Manitoba all items index rose 2.3% in January 2000 compared with January 1999, unchanged from the annual rate in December. Canada's annual rate of price increase last month was 2.3%, down from 2.6% the previous month.

Chart 1 presents a summary of price changes for Manitoba and Canada over the last two years. The method of calculation shown in Chart 1 is the most widely used, and is often referred to by the media as the **"Inflation rate"**. It is based on the percent change between the current month and the same month the previous year.

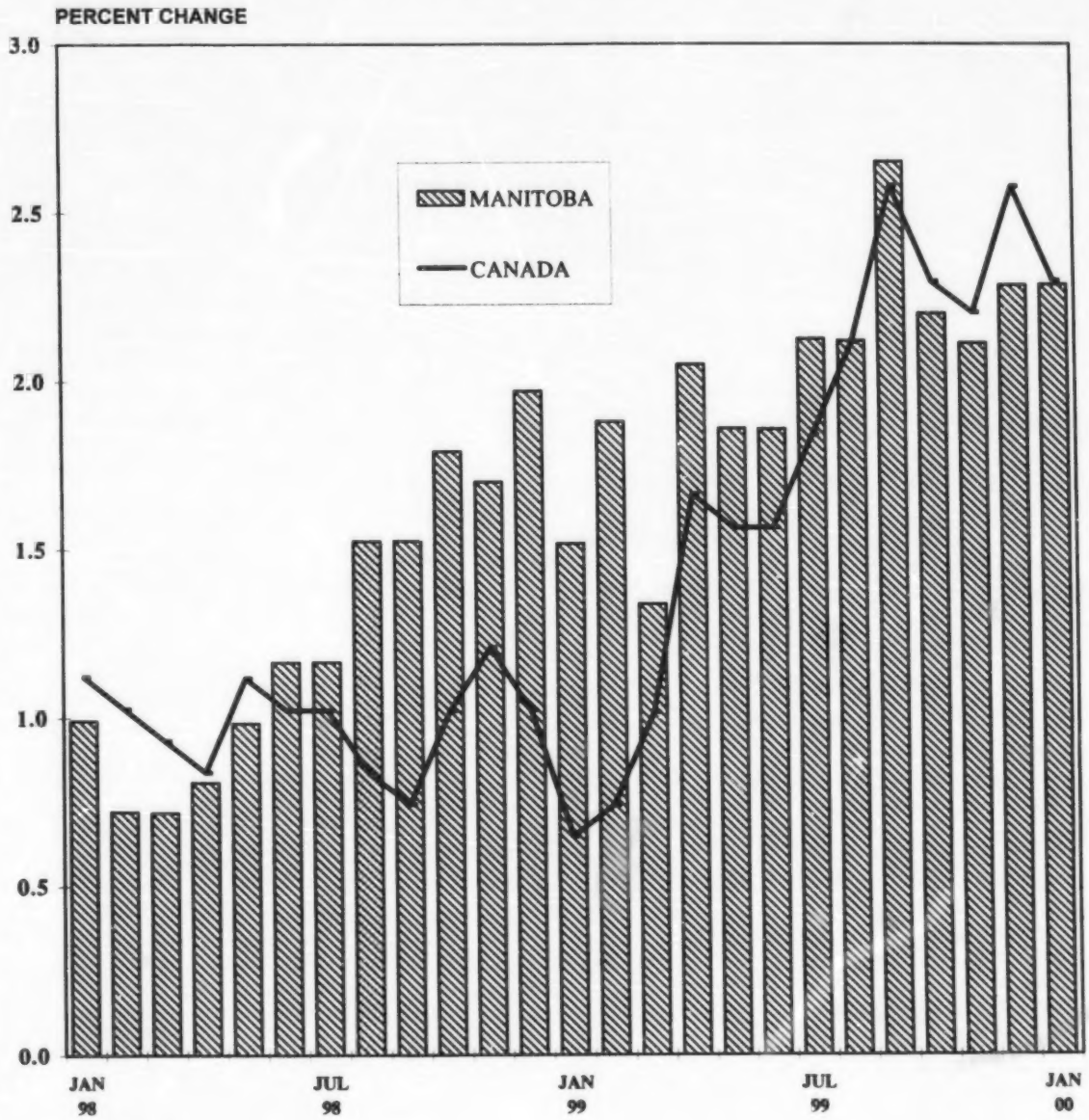
Manitoba's annual inflation rate of 2.3% in January 2000 was the fourth lowest among the provinces. Nova Scotia had the highest annual rate last month at 3.5% while the lowest was in British Columbia at 1.3%. Winnipeg's annual rate of inflation last month was 2.2%, unchanged from December.

On a month-to-month basis, the Manitoba all-items index fell 0.1% in January, after moving up 0.3% the previous month. Prices were higher last month for women's clothing. Increases were also noted for some food items, notably non-alcoholic beverages, beef, pork, sugar and confectionery items and fresh vegetables. Water rates also rose last month. These increases were partly offset by lower inter-city transportation costs and prices for some food items, notably fresh fruit, cereal products, chicken and bakery products also declined. Footwear prices fell in January, as did those for household chemical products. Overall prices at the national level were 0.1% lower in January, following a 0.1% rise in December.

CHART 1. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

MONTHLY INFLATION RATE

MANITOBA AND CANADA



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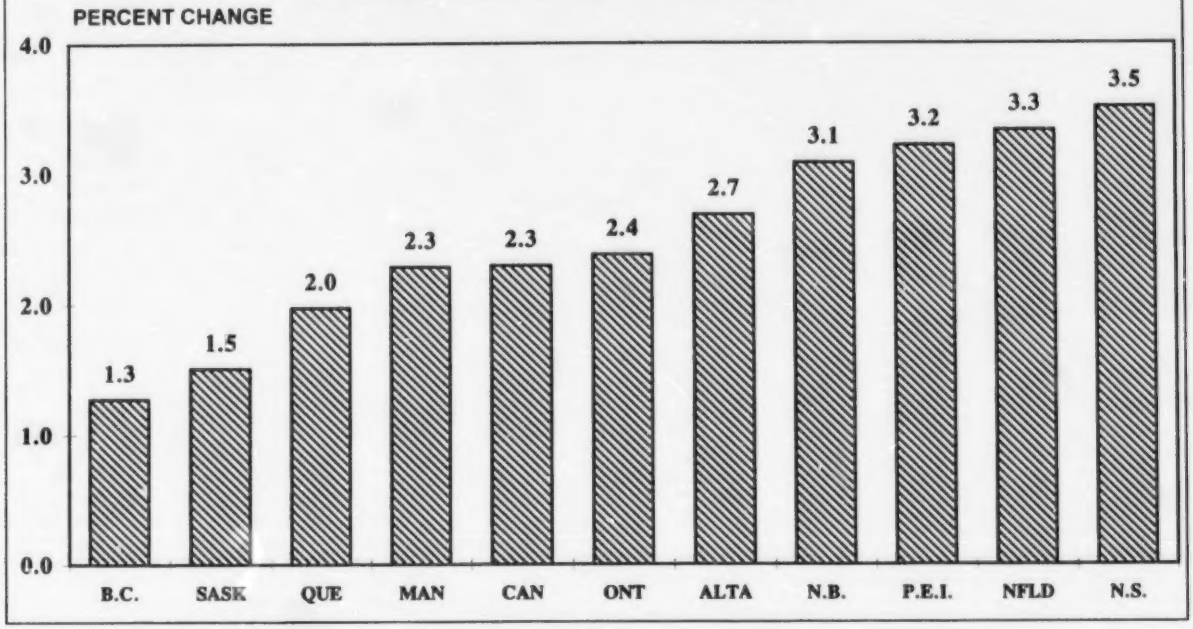

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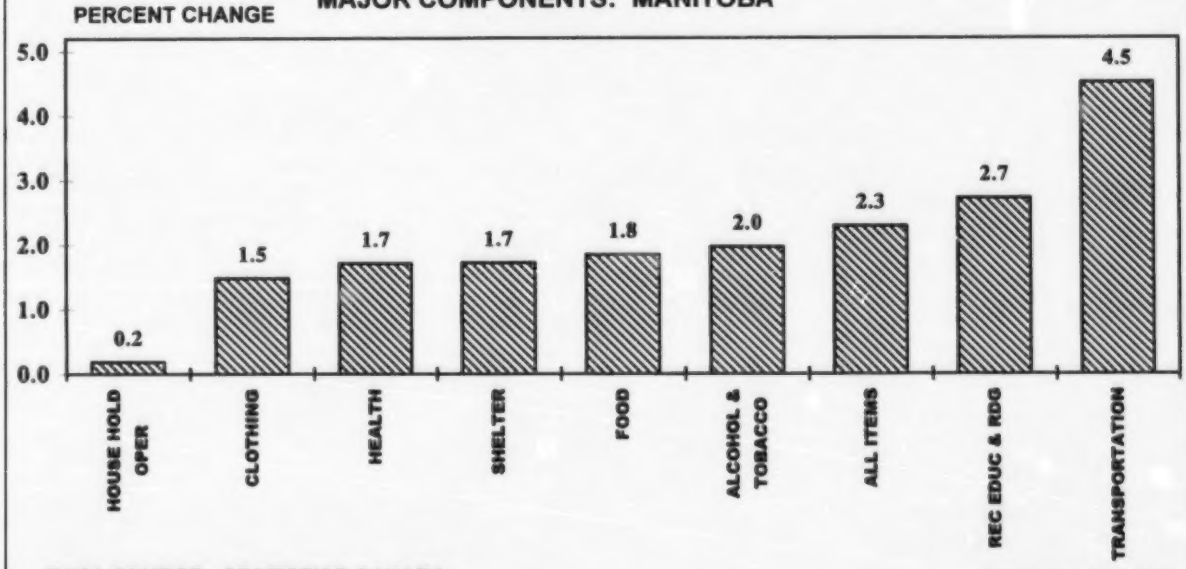

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TABLE 1: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR JANUARY 2000

(1992 = 100)

	MANITOBA					CANADA				
	JAN 00	DEC 99	PERCENT CHANGE	JAN 99	PERCENT CHANGE	JAN 00	DEC 99	PERCENT CHANGE	JAN 99	PERCENT CHANGE
MAIN COMPONENTS:										
ALL ITEMS	116.4	116.5	-0.1	113.8	2.3	111.4	111.5	-0.1	108.9	2.3
FOOD	115.9	115.5	0.3	113.8	1.8	110.8	110.9	-0.1	111.1	-0.3
SHELTER	112.3	112.1	0.2	110.4	1.7	106.7	106.4	0.3	104.5	2.1
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	109.0	109.6	-0.5	108.8	0.2	108.7	109.2	-0.5	107.9	0.7
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	116.5	115.9	0.5	114.8	1.5	104.3	103.4	0.9	103.7	0.6
TRANSPORTATION	129.8	130.7	-0.7	124.2	4.5	127.3	128.3	-0.8	120.2	5.9
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	112.8	113.0	-0.2	110.9	1.7	111.0	110.8	0.2	109.0	1.8
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	120.8	121.0	-0.2	117.6	2.7	118.5	119.4	-0.8	115.5	2.6
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	103.9	103.9	0.0	101.9	2.0	96.2	95.9	0.3	93.7	2.7
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:										
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	116.5	116.7	-0.2	113.9	2.3	111.5	111.7	-0.2	108.5	2.8
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	115.9	116.1	-0.2	114.0	1.7	110.6	110.9	-0.3	109.1	1.4
ENERGY	121.9	122.1	-0.2	112.5	8.4	118.6	118.4	0.2	103.1	15.0
GOODS	114.3	114.5	-0.2	112.2	1.9	108.8	109.0	-0.2	106.2	2.4
SERVICES	118.6	118.6	0.0	115.6	2.6	114.3	114.5	-0.2	112.1	2.0

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TABLE 2: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR JANUARY 2000

(1992 = 100)

	ALL ITEMS					FOOD				
	JAN 00	DEC 99	PERCENT CHANGE	JAN 99	PERCENT CHANGE	JAN 00	DEC 99	PERCENT CHANGE	JAN 99	PERCENT CHANGE
MANITOBA	116.4	116.5	-0.1	113.8	2.3	115.9	115.5	0.3	113.8	1.8
WESTERN PROVINCES										
SASKATCHEWAN	114.6	114.5	0.1	112.9	1.5	111.9	111.7	0.2	112.3	-0.4
ALBERTA	114.7	115.1	-0.3	111.7	2.7	110.0	110.6	-0.5	109.6	0.4
BRITISH COLUMBIA	111.3	111.6	-0.3	109.9	1.3	112.5	114.3	-1.6	113.8	-1.1
EASTERN PROVINCES										
ONTARIO	111.9	112.1	-0.2	109.3	2.4	110.3	110.6	-0.3	110.3	0.0
QUEBEC	108.7	108.7	0.0	106.6	2.0	110.8	110.0	0.7	111.8	-0.9
MARITIME PROVINCES										
NEW BRUNSWICK	110.3	110.7	-0.4	107.0	3.1	110.4	110.1	0.3	109.5	0.8
NOVA SCOTIA	112.0	112.0	0.0	108.2	3.5	112.3	111.8	0.4	110.7	1.4
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	109.1	109.4	-0.3	105.7	3.2	108.3	109.1	-0.7	108.5	-0.2
NEWFOUNDLAND	111.6	111.1	0.5	108.0	3.3	111.8	109.2	2.4	109.9	1.7
* MANITOBA RANK			6		4			7		10

DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA

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* Ranking is done in ascending order from the lowest to the highest

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TABLE 3: PERCENT CHANGE COMPARISONS, MANITOBA AND CANADA

(AS OF JANUARY 2000)

	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR		(2) CURRENT ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE		(3) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE	
MAIN COMPONENTS	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA
ALL ITEMS	2.3	2.3	0.7	-0.4	2.1	1.9
FOOD	1.8	-0.3	11.1	3.3	1.4	1.2
SHELTER	1.7	2.1	2.5	3.4	1.8	1.4
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	0.2	0.7	-3.9	-3.2	1.7	0.9
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	1.5	0.6	-8.8	-10.7	2.1	1.4
TRANSPORTATION	4.5	5.9	-0.6	0.6	3.6	3.8
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	1.7	1.8	1.1	1.5	2.2	1.9
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	2.7	2.6	-7.0	-11.0	1.2	1.9
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	2.0	2.7	-0.8	6.9	2.6	2.0
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:						
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	2.3	2.8	-1.7	-1.4	2.2	2.0
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	1.7	1.4	-2.0	-2.1	1.9	1.5
ENERGY	8.4	15.0	2.0	6.3	5.0	7.2
GOODS	1.9	2.4	1.4	0.0	1.6	2.0
SERVICES	2.6	2.0	-0.3	-1.4	2.5	1.7

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(3) COMPARES THE AVERAGE OF THE 12 MONTHS ENDING THIS MONTH WITH THE AVERAGE OF THE 12 MONTHS ENDING ONE YEAR EARLIER.

TABLE 4: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR JANUARY 2000: ALL ITEMS

(1992 = 100)

	JAN 00	DEC 99	PERCENT CHANGE	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR	(2) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE
WINNIPEG	116.4	116.5	-0.1	2.2	2.1
WESTERN CITIES					
REGINA	115.6	115.4	0.2	1.6	1.7
SASKATOON	114.2	114.2	0.0	1.6	1.8
CALGARY	115.6	116.0	-0.3	2.8	2.7
EDMONTON	113.3	113.8	-0.4	2.5	2.4
VANCOUVER	111.6	111.8	-0.2	1.3	1.0
VICTORIA	111.1	111.5	-0.4	1.1	1.1
EASTERN CITIES					
THUNDER BAY	112.1	112.5	-0.4	2.3	1.9
TORONTO	112.3	112.5	-0.2	2.6	2.1
OTTAWA	113.2	113.5	-0.3	2.4	2.0
MONTREAL	108.8	108.8	0.0	1.9	1.7
QUEBEC	109.5	109.5	0.0	2.0	1.7
MARITIME CITIES					
SAINT JOHN, N.B.	110.2	110.6	-0.4	3.3	2.0
HALIFAX	111.2	111.2	0.0	3.2	2.0
CHARLOTTETOWN	108.9	109.3	-0.4	2.8	1.4
ST. JOHN'S, NFLD	111.7	111.2	0.4	3.2	1.8
* WINNIPEG RANK (OUT OF 16 CITIES)			10	7	13

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - FEBRUARY 2000

	PERCENT CHANGE - ALL ITEMS INDEX	
	FEBRUARY 00/FEBRUARY 99	FEBRUARY 00/JANUARY 00
MANITOBA	2.5	0.3
CANADA	2.7	0.5

The Manitoba all items index rose 2.5% in February 2000 compared with February 1999, up from an annual rate of 2.3% in January. Canada's annual rate of price increase last month was 2.7%, up from 2.3% the previous month.

Chart 1 presents a summary of price changes for Manitoba and Canada over the last two years. The method of calculation shown in Chart 1 is the most widely used, and is often referred to by the media as the **"inflation rate"**. It is based on the percent change between the current month and the same month the previous year.

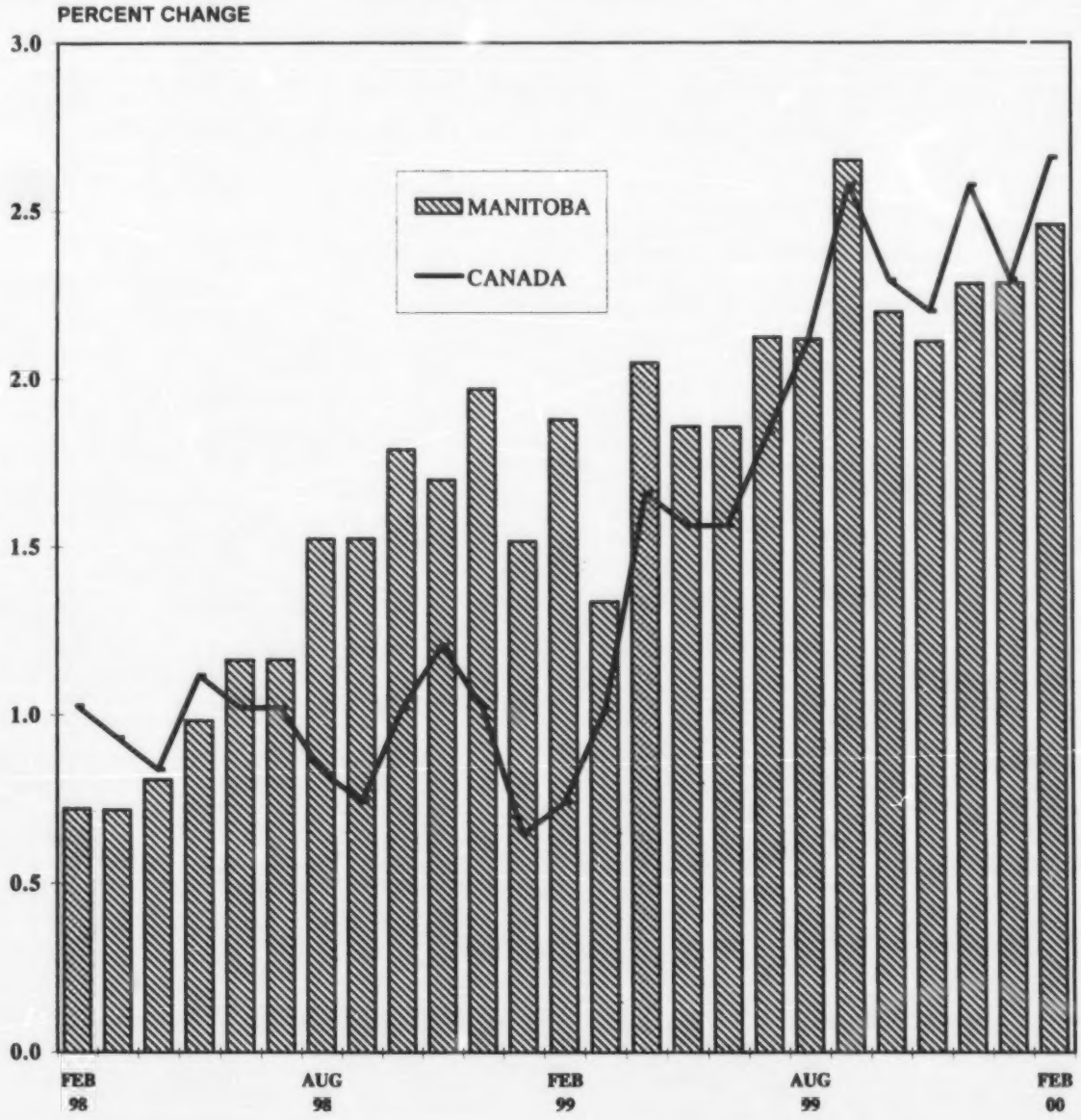
Manitoba's annual inflation rate of 2.5% in February 2000 was the third lowest among the provinces. Nova Scotia had the highest annual rate last month at 3.9% while the lowest was in British Columbia at 1.2%. Winnipeg's annual rate of inflation last month was 2.4%, up from 2.2% in January.

On a month-to-month basis, the Manitoba all-items index rose 0.3% in February, after edging down 0.1% the previous month. Prices were higher last month for travel services, gasoline, footwear and men's clothing. Prices also rose in February for household furniture and beef. These increases were partly offset by lower prices for food items such as fresh vegetables, bakery and cereal products, sugar and confectionery items and processed meats. Prices for household appliances and children's clothing also fell in February. Overall prices at the national level were 0.5% higher in February, after declining 0.1% in January.

CHART 1. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

MONTHLY INFLATION RATE

MANITOBA AND CANADA



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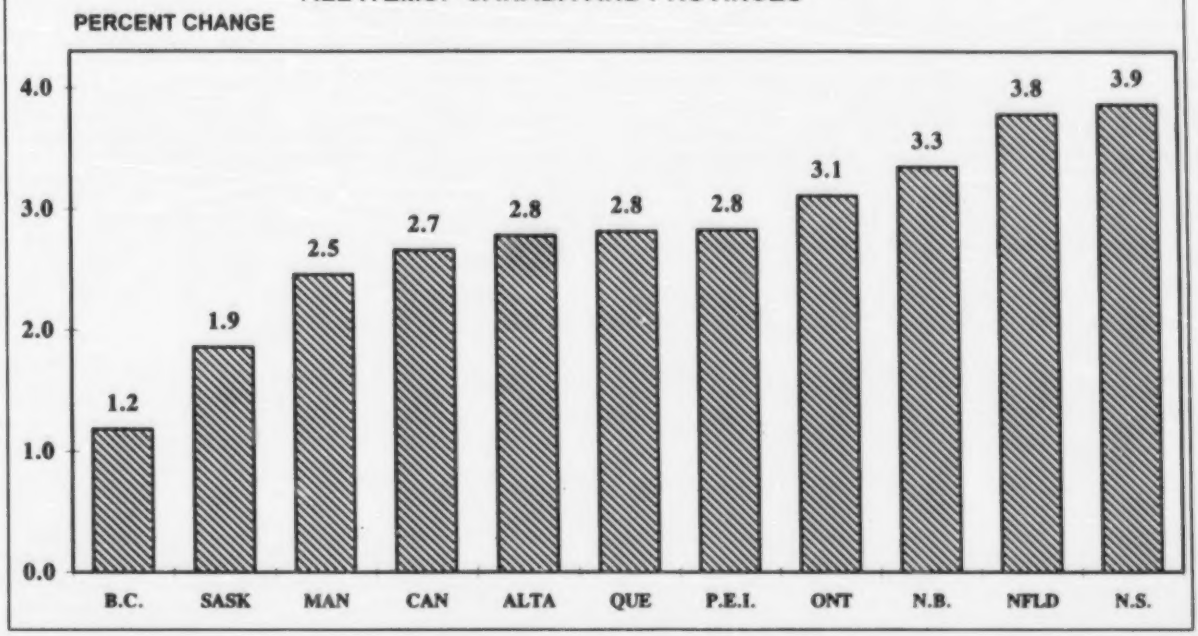

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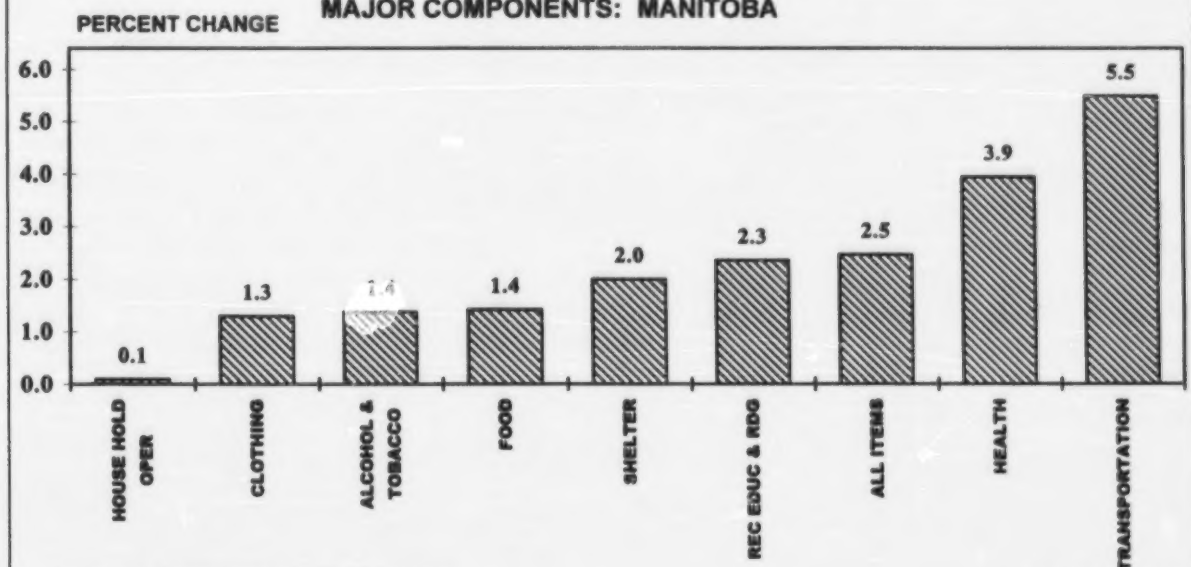

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TABLE 1: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR FEBRUARY 2000

(1992 = 100)

	MANITOBA					CANADA				
	FEB 00	JAN 00	PERCENT CHANGE	FEB 99	PERCENT CHANGE	FEB 00	JAN 00	PERCENT CHANGE	FEB 99	PERCENT CHANGE
MAIN COMPONENTS:										
ALL ITEMS	116.7	116.4	0.3	113.9	2.5	112.0	111.4	0.5	109.1	2.7
FOOD	114.8	115.9	-0.9	113.2	1.4	110.6	110.8	-0.2	110.5	0.1
SHELTER	112.6	112.3	0.3	110.4	2.0	107.4	106.7	0.7	104.5	2.8
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	109.4	109.0	0.4	109.3	0.1	109.3	108.7	0.6	108.5	0.7
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	117.6	116.5	0.9	116.1	1.3	105.3	104.3	1.0	104.4	0.9
TRANSPORTATION	130.7	129.8	0.7	123.9	5.5	128.5	127.3	0.9	119.9	7.2
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	113.5	112.8	0.6	109.2	3.9	111.1	111.0	0.1	109.2	1.7
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	122.0	120.8	1.0	119.2	2.3	119.9	118.5	1.2	116.8	2.7
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	103.6	103.9	-0.3	102.2	1.4	96.4	96.2	0.2	93.7	2.9
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:										
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	117.1	116.5	0.5	114.1	2.6	112.4	111.5	0.8	108.8	3.3
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	116.4	115.9	0.4	114.4	1.7	111.2	110.6	0.5	109.4	1.6
ENERGY	123.2	121.9	1.1	111.6	10.4	122.1	118.6	3.0	102.3	19.4
GOODS	114.4	114.3	0.1	112.0	2.1	109.6	108.8	0.7	106.2	3.2
SERVICES	119.2	118.6	0.5	116.0	2.8	114.8	114.3	0.4	112.4	2.1

DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA

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TABLE 2: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR FEBRUARY 2000

(1992 = 100)

	ALL ITEMS					FOOD				
	FEB 00	JAN 00	PERCENT CHANGE	FEB 99	PERCENT CHANGE	FEB 00	JAN 00	PERCENT CHANGE	FEB 99	PERCENT CHANGE
MANITOBA	116.7	116.4	0.3	113.9	2.5	114.8	115.9	-0.9	113.2	1.4
WESTERN PROVINCES										
SASKATCHEWAN	115.0	114.6	0.3	112.9	1.9	111.9	111.9	0.0	110.9	0.9
ALBERTA	114.7	114.7	0.0	111.6	2.8	110.0	110.0	0.0	108.6	1.3
BRITISH COLUMBIA	111.4	111.3	0.1	110.1	1.2	111.5	112.5	-0.9	113.1	-1.4
EASTERN PROVINCES										
ONTARIO	112.8	111.9	0.8	109.4	3.1	110.4	110.3	0.1	109.9	0.5
QUEBEC	109.6	108.7	0.8	106.6	2.8	110.6	110.8	-0.2	111.1	-0.5
MARITIME PROVINCES										
NEW BRUNSWICK	111.1	110.3	0.7	107.5	3.3	110.2	110.4	-0.2	109.1	1.0
NOVA SCOTIA	112.9	112.0	0.8	108.7	3.9	112.2	112.3	-0.1	111.1	1.0
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	109.2	109.1	0.1	106.2	2.8	108.2	108.3	-0.1	109.4	-1.1
NEWFOUNDLAND	112.5	111.6	0.8	108.4	3.8	111.5	111.8	-0.3	110.5	0.9
* MANITOBA RANK			4		3			1		10

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	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR		(2) CURRENT ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE		(3) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE	
MAIN COMPONENTS	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA
ALL ITEMS	2.5	2.7	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.0
FOOD	1.4	0.1	1.4	0.0	1.3	1.1
SHELTER	2.0	2.8	3.3	5.8	1.8	1.6
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	0.1	0.7	-2.5	-0.7	1.5	0.9
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	1.3	0.9	3.1	-0.4	2.0	1.4
TRANSPORTATION	5.5	7.2	3.8	3.8	4.0	4.5
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	3.9	1.7	2.5	2.2	2.4	1.9
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	2.3	2.7	1.0	-1.3	1.3	2.0
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	1.4	2.9	-1.1	5.6	2.5	2.1
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:						
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	2.6	3.3	2.1	2.9	2.3	2.2
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	1.7	1.6	0.7	0.7	1.9	1.5
ENERGY	10.4	19.4	12.6	23.6	5.6	9.0
GOODS	2.1	3.2	1.4	3.4	1.7	2.3
SERVICES	2.8	2.1	2.4	1.1	2.5	1.8

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CALGARY	115.5	115.6	-0.1	2.8	2.7
EDMONTON	113.3	113.3	0.0	2.5	2.5
VANCOUVER	111.8	111.6	0.2	1.5	1.1
VICTORIA	111.3	111.1	0.2	1.2	1.2
EASTERN CITIES					
THUNDER BAY	112.9	112.1	0.7	2.9	2.1
TORONTO	113.2	112.3	0.8	3.3	2.4
OTTAWA	114.1	113.2	0.8	3.2	2.2
MONTREAL	109.6	108.8	0.7	2.6	1.9
QUEBEC	110.3	109.5	0.7	2.6	1.8
MARITIME CITIES					
SAINT JOHN, N.B.	111.0	110.2	0.7	3.4	2.3
HALIFAX	111.9	111.2	0.6	3.3	2.3
CHARLOTTETOWN	109.0	108.9	0.1	2.4	1.7
ST. JOHN'S, NFLD	112.4	111.7	0.6	3.5	2.1
* WINNIPEG RANK (OUT OF 16 CITIES)			6	5	8

DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - MARCH 2000

	PERCENT CHANGE - ALL ITEMS INDEX	
	MARCH 00/MARCH 99	MARCH 00/FEBRUARY 00
MANITOBA	3.2	0.6
CANADA	3.0	0.7

The Manitoba all items index rose 3.2% in March 2000 compared with March 1999, up from an annual rate of 2.5% in February. Canada's annual rate of price increase last month was 3.0%, up from 2.7% the previous month.

Chart 1 presents a summary of price changes for Manitoba and Canada over the last two years. The method of calculation shown in Chart 1 is the most widely used, and is often referred to by the media as the **"inflation rate"**. It is based on the percent change between the current month and the same month the previous year.

Manitoba's annual inflation rate of 3.2% in March 2000 was the fourth lowest among the provinces. Nova Scotia had the highest annual rate last month at 4.4% while the lowest was in British Columbia at 1.8%. Winnipeg's annual rate of inflation last month was 3.1%, up from 2.4% in February.

On a month-to-month basis, the Manitoba all-items index rose 0.6% in March, after increasing 0.3% in February. Prices were higher last month for gasoline, sugar, fresh vegetables and paper, plastic and foil supplies. Prices also rose in March for household textiles, fresh or frozen poultry meat and personal care supplies. These increases were partly offset by lower prices for men's clothing, recreational equipment, health care services and reading material. Prices for also fell for fresh fruits, preserved vegetables and fruit and their preparations in March. Overall prices at the national level were 0.7% higher in March, after growing 0.5% in February.

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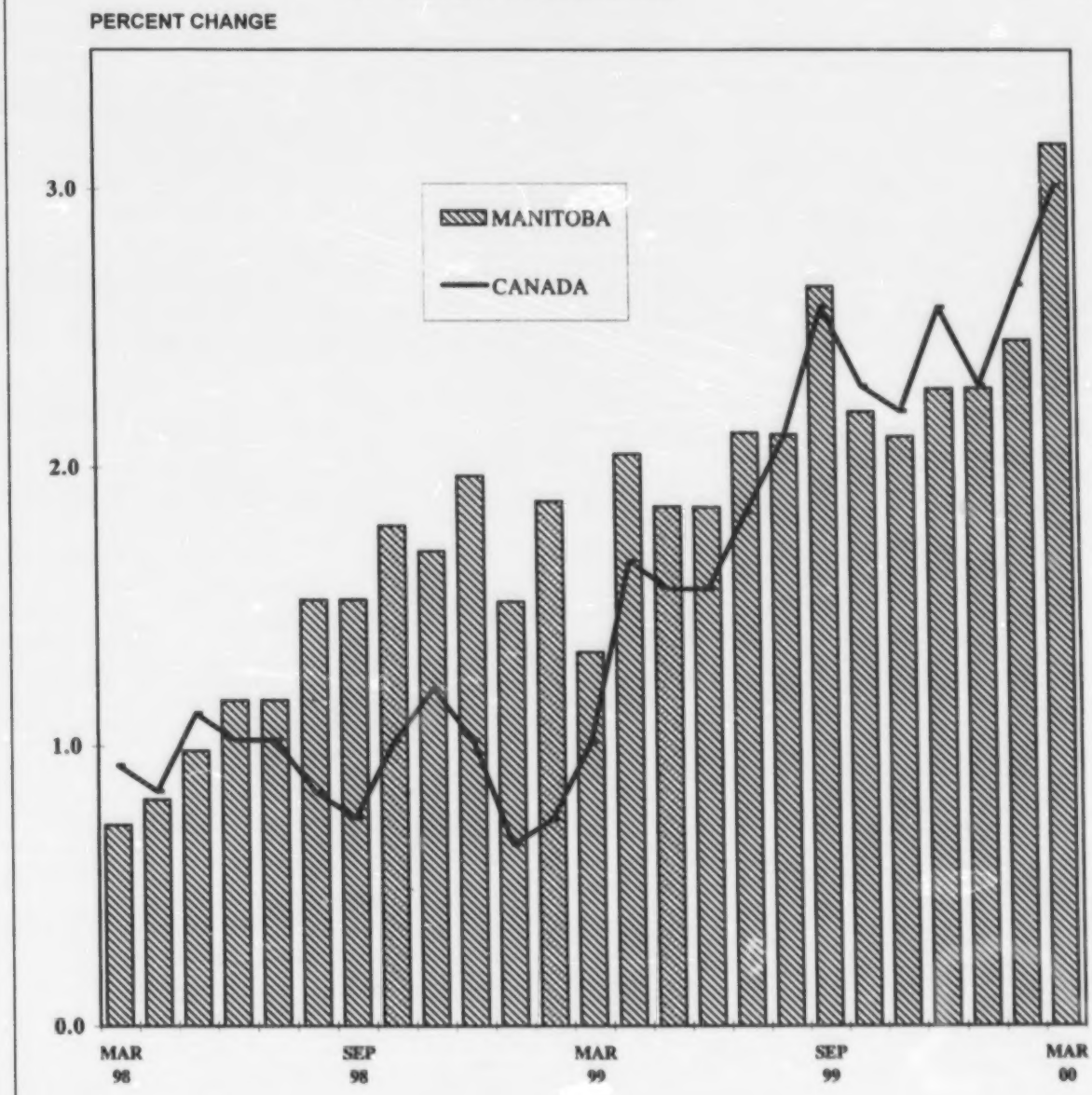
MONTHLY INFLATION RATE

MANITOBA AND CANADA



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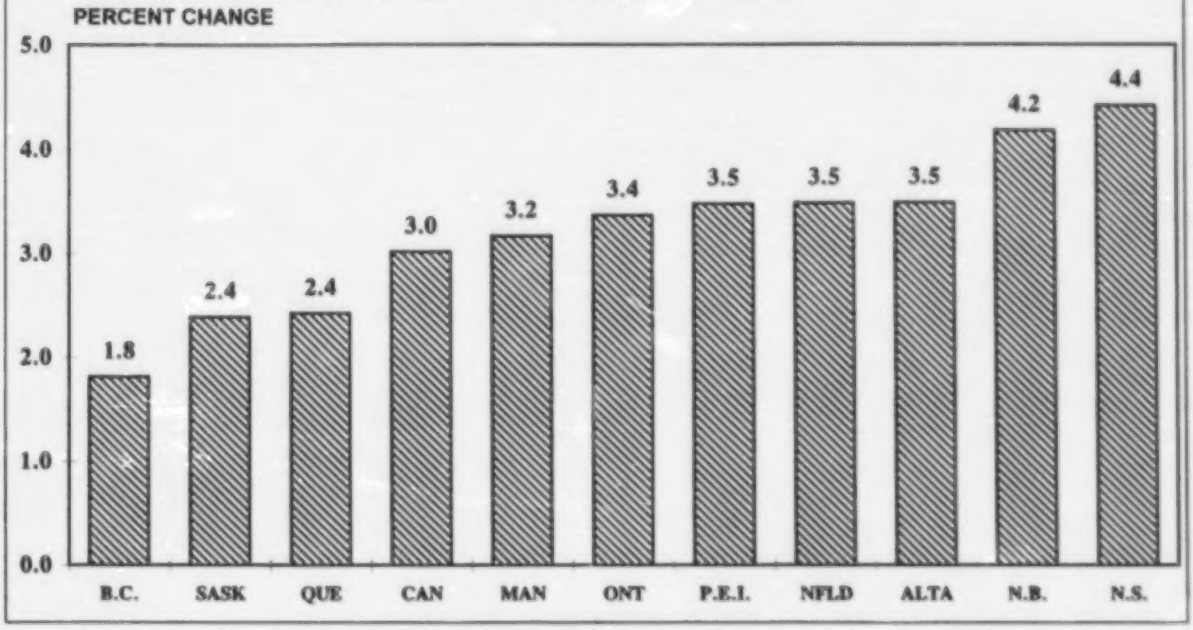

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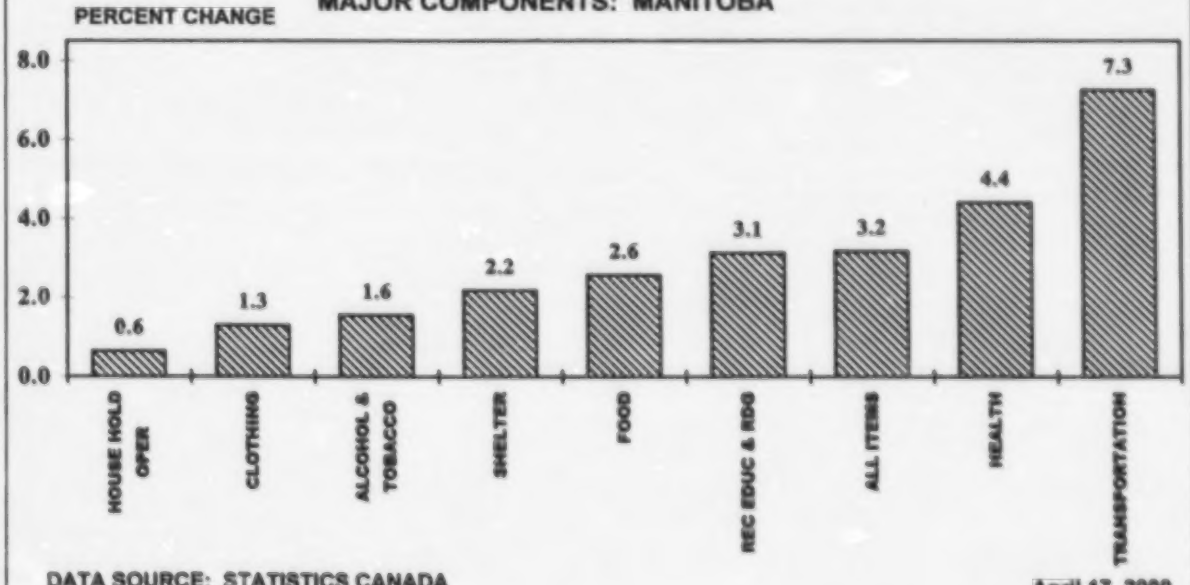

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TABLE 1: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR MARCH 2000

(1992 = 100)

	MANITOBA					CANADA				
	MAR 00	FEB 00	PERCENT CHANGE	MAR 99	PERCENT CHANGE	MAR 00	FEB 00	PERCENT CHANGE	MAR 99	PERCENT CHANGE
MAIN COMPONENTS:										
ALL ITEMS	117.4	116.7	0.6	113.8	3.2	112.8	112.0	0.7	109.5	3.0
FOOD	115.8	114.8	0.9	112.9	2.6	111.1	110.6	0.5	110.7	0.4
SHELTER	112.7	112.6	0.1	110.3	2.2	107.5	107.4	0.1	104.5	2.9
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	110.0	109.4	0.5	109.3	0.6	109.7	109.3	0.4	108.7	0.9
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	116.8	117.6	-0.7	115.3	1.3	106.5	105.3	1.1	106.2	0.3
TRANSPORTATION	133.1	130.7	1.8	124.1	7.3	131.1	128.5	2.0	121.3	8.1
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	113.8	113.5	0.3	109.0	4.4	111.0	111.1	-0.1	109.2	1.6
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	122.2	122.0	0.2	118.5	3.1	120.8	119.9	0.8	117.3	3.0
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	104.5	103.6	0.9	102.9	1.6	96.7	96.4	0.3	93.7	3.2
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:										
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	117.8	117.1	0.6	114.0	3.3	113.2	112.4	0.7	109.3	3.6
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	116.6	116.4	0.2	114.5	1.8	111.6	111.2	0.4	109.9	1.5
ENERGY	128.3	123.2	4.1	110.0	16.6	127.0	122.1	4.0	103.8	22.4
GOODS	115.6	114.4	1.0	111.4	3.8	110.9	109.6	1.2	106.7	3.9
SERVICES	119.3	119.2	0.1	116.3	2.6	115.1	114.8	0.3	112.8	2.0

DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA

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TABLE 2: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR MARCH 2000

(1992 = 100)

	ALL ITEMS					FOOD				
	MAR 00	FEB 00	PERCENT CHANGE	MAR 99	PERCENT CHANGE	MAR 00	FEB 00	PERCENT CHANGE	MAR 99	PERCENT CHANGE
MANITOBA	117.4	116.7	0.6	113.8	3.2	115.8	114.8	0.9	112.9	2.6
WESTERN PROVINCES										
SASKATCHEWAN	115.8	115.0	0.7	113.1	2.4	112.0	111.9	0.1	111.7	0.3
ALBERTA	115.8	114.7	1.0	111.9	3.5	110.4	110.0	0.4	109.2	1.1
BRITISH COLUMBIA	112.3	111.4	0.8	110.3	1.8	112.2	111.5	0.6	113.3	-1.0
EASTERN PROVINCES										
ONTARIO	113.7	112.8	0.8	110.0	3.4	111.1	110.4	0.6	110.2	0.8
QUEBEC	110.0	109.6	0.4	107.4	2.4	110.9	110.6	0.3	111.1	-0.2
MARITIME PROVINCES										
NEW BRUNSWICK	112.2	111.1	1.0	107.7	4.2	110.0	110.2	-0.2	108.4	1.5
NOVA SCOTIA	113.5	112.9	0.5	108.7	4.4	112.0	112.2	-0.2	110.2	1.6
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	110.3	109.2	1.0	106.6	3.5	108.1	108.2	-0.1	109.8	-1.5
NEWFOUNDLAND	113.0	112.5	0.4	109.2	3.5	110.8	111.5	-0.6	112.1	-1.2
* MANITOBA RANK			4		4			10		10

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TABLE 3: PERCENT CHANGE COMPARISONS, MANITOBA AND CANADA

(AS OF MARCH 2000)

	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR		(2) CURRENT ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE		(3) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE	
MAIN COMPONENTS	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA
ALL ITEMS	3.2	3.0	3.1	4.7	2.3	2.2
FOOD	2.6	0.4	1.0	0.7	1.5	1.0
SHELTER	2.2	2.9	2.2	4.2	1.8	1.7
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	0.6	0.9	1.5	1.8	1.4	1.0
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	1.3	0.3	3.1	12.5	2.0	1.3
TRANSPORTATION	7.3	8.1	7.5	9.0	4.5	5.1
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	4.4	1.6	2.9	0.7	2.6	1.9
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	3.1	3.0	4.0	4.8	1.6	2.2
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	1.6	3.2	2.3	3.4	2.3	2.2
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:						
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	3.3	3.6	3.8	5.5	2.4	2.5
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	1.8	1.5	1.7	2.5	1.9	1.6
ENERGY	16.6	22.4	21.9	32.4	7.0	10.9
GOODS	3.8	3.9	3.9	7.2	2.0	2.5
SERVICES	2.6	2.0	2.4	2.1	2.6	1.9

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(3) COMPARES THE AVERAGE OF THE 12 MONTHS ENDING THIS MONTH WITH THE AVERAGE OF THE 12 MONTHS ENDING ONE YEAR EARLIER.

TABLE 4: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR MARCH 2000: ALL ITEMS

(1992 = 100)

	MAR 00	FEB 00	PERCENT CHANGE	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR	(2) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE
WINNIPEG	117.4	116.7	0.6	3.1	2.2
WESTERN CITIES					
REGINA	116.7	115.9	0.7	2.3	1.8
SASKATOON	115.4	114.6	0.7	2.5	1.8
CALGARY	116.7	115.5	1.0	3.6	2.8
EDMONTON	114.4	113.3	1.0	3.3	2.6
VANCOUVER	112.8	111.8	0.9	2.2	1.3
VICTORIA	112.2	111.3	0.8	1.8	1.3
EASTERN CITIES					
THUNDER BAY	113.8	112.9	0.8	3.2	2.3
TORONTO	113.9	113.2	0.6	3.3	2.5
OTTAWA	114.9	114.1	0.7	3.3	2.4
MONTREAL	110.0	109.6	0.4	2.3	2.0
QUEBEC	110.7	110.3	0.4	2.2	1.9
MARITIME CITIES					
SAINT JOHN, N.B.	112.1	111.0	1.0	4.3	2.6
HALIFAX	112.5	111.9	0.5	3.9	2.6
CHARLOTTETOWN	110.1	109.0	1.0	3.1	1.9
ST. JOHN'S, NFLD	112.9	112.4	0.4	3.2	2.3
* WINNIPEG RANK (OUT OF 16 CITIES)			5	7	8

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - APRIL 2000

	PERCENT CHANGE - ALL ITEMS INDEX	
	APRIL 00/APRIL 99	APRIL 00/MARCH 00
MANITOBA	2.4	-0.1
CANADA	2.1	-0.4

The Manitoba all items index rose 2.4% in April 2000 compared with April 1999, down from an annual rate of 3.2% in March. Canada's annual rate of price increase last month was 2.1%, down from 3.0% the previous month.

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On a month-to-month basis, the Manitoba all-items index fell 0.1% in April, after rising 0.6% in March. Gasoline prices fell last month, and the cost of buying or leasing vehicles was also lower. Vehicle maintenance and repair costs declined, as did the price of food purchased from restaurants. Declines were also noted for footwear, household textiles and home maintenance and repair. These declines were partly offset higher prices for health care services, beef and women's and children's clothing. The cost of inter-city transportation, travel services and telephone service were also higher in April. Overall prices at the national level were 0.4% lower last month, after rising 0.7% in March.

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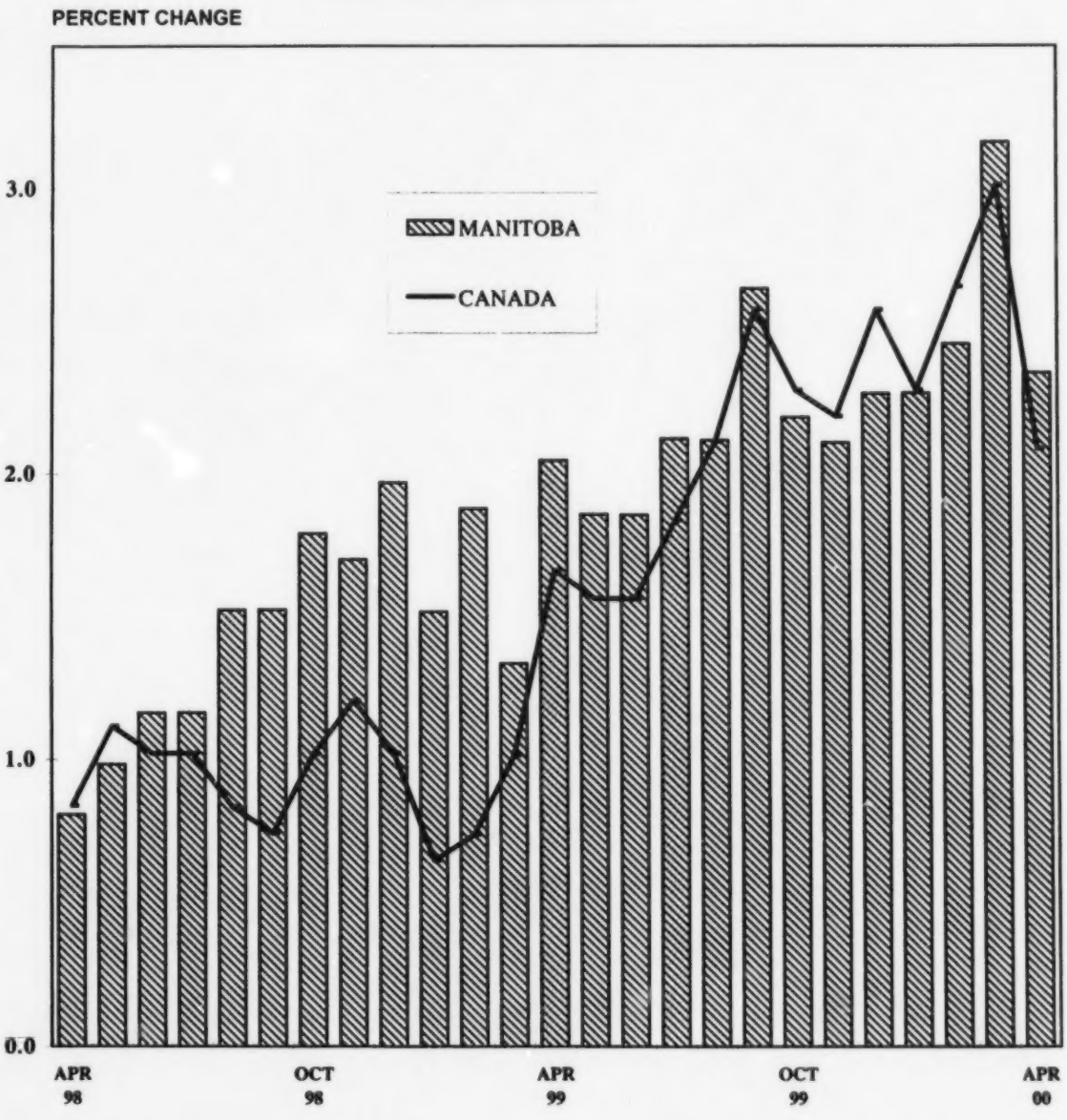
MONTHLY INFLATION RATE

MANITOBA AND CANADA



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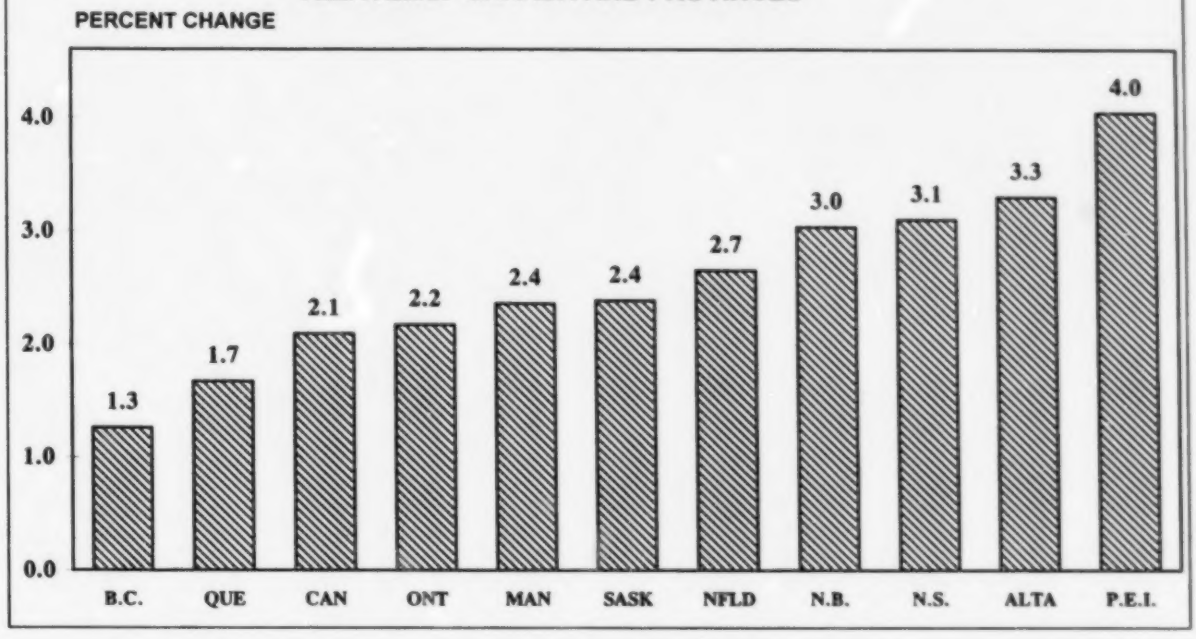

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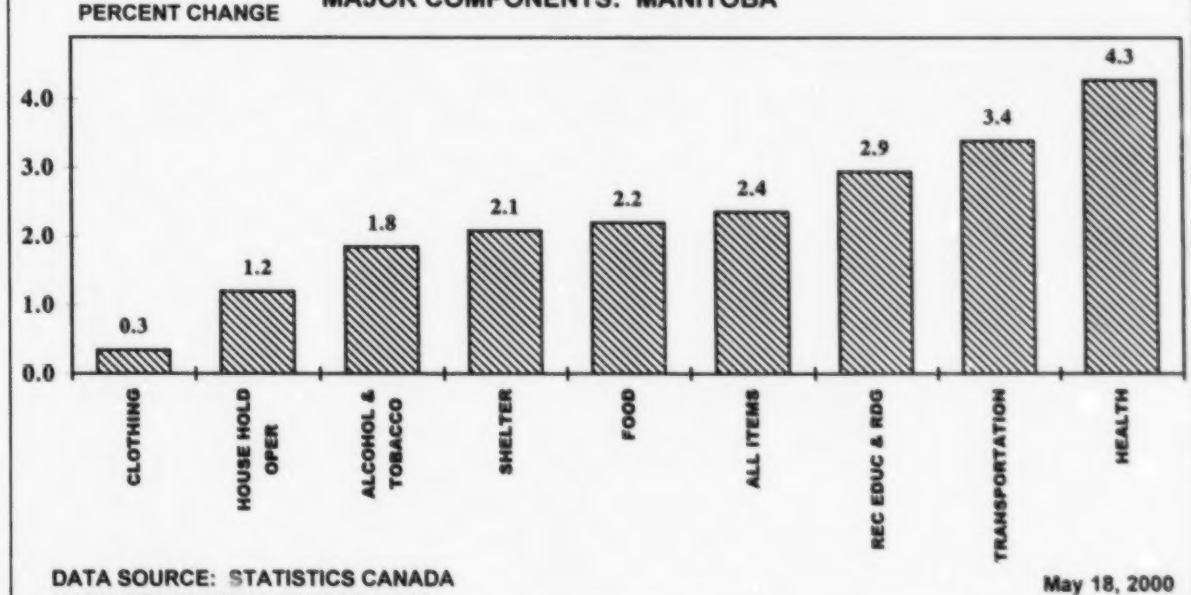

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TABLE 1: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR APRIL 2000

(1992 = 100)

	MANITOBA					CANADA				
	APR 00	MAR 00	PERCENT CHANGE	APR 99	PERCENT CHANGE	APR 00	MAR 00	PERCENT CHANGE	APR 99	PERCENT CHANGE
MAIN COMPONENTS:										
ALL ITEMS	117.3	117.4	-0.1	114.6	2.4	112.4	112.8	-0.4	110.1	2.1
FOOD	116.2	115.8	0.3	113.7	2.2	111.3	111.1	0.2	110.9	0.4
SHELTER	112.8	112.7	0.1	110.5	2.1	107.5	107.5	0.0	104.8	2.6
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	110.2	110.0	0.2	108.9	1.2	109.5	109.7	-0.2	108.8	0.6
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	117.4	116.8	0.5	117.0	0.3	105.1	106.5	-1.3	105.8	-0.7
TRANSPORTATION	131.1	133.1	-1.5	126.8	3.4	129.2	131.1	-1.4	123.6	4.5
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	114.5	113.8	0.6	109.8	4.3	111.5	111.0	0.5	110.0	1.4
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	122.5	122.2	0.2	119.0	2.9	121.0	120.8	0.2	117.7	2.8
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	104.8	104.5	0.3	102.9	1.8	96.8	96.7	0.1	94.0	3.0
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:										
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	117.6	117.8	-0.2	114.9	2.3	112.8	113.2	-0.4	110.0	2.5
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	116.7	116.6	0.1	114.9	1.6	111.6	111.6	0.0	110.2	1.3
ENERGY	124.7	128.3	-2.8	114.8	8.6	122.2	127.0	-3.8	107.6	13.6
GOODS	115.3	115.6	-0.3	112.5	2.5	109.8	110.9	-1.0	107.4	2.2
SERVICES	119.5	119.3	0.2	116.9	2.2	115.6	115.1	0.4	113.2	2.1

DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA

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TABLE 2: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR APRIL 2000

(1992 = 100)

	ALL ITEMS					FOOD				
	APR 00	MAR 00	PERCENT CHANGE	APR 99	PERCENT CHANGE	APR 00	MAR 00	PERCENT CHANGE	APR 99	PERCENT CHANGE
MANITOBA	117.3	117.4	-0.1	114.6	2.4	116.2	115.8	0.3	113.7	2.2
WESTERN PROVINCES										
SASKATCHEWAN	115.9	115.8	0.1	113.2	2.4	112.2	112.0	0.2	111.9	0.3
ALBERTA	115.9	115.8	0.1	112.2	3.3	110.7	110.4	0.3	108.8	1.7
BRITISH COLUMBIA	112.4	112.3	0.1	111.0	1.3	112.7	112.2	0.4	113.9	-1.1
EASTERN PROVINCES										
ONTARIO	113.0	113.7	-0.6	110.6	2.2	111.0	111.1	-0.1	110.8	0.2
QUEBEC	109.6	110.0	-0.4	107.8	1.7	111.4	110.9	0.5	110.8	0.5
MARITIME PROVINCES										
NEW BRUNSWICK	112.1	112.2	-0.1	108.8	3.0	110.3	110.0	0.3	109.6	0.6
NOVA SCOTIA	113.1	113.5	-0.4	109.7	3.1	111.9	112.0	-0.1	111.5	0.4
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	110.7	110.3	0.4	106.4	4.0	109.0	108.1	0.8	109.0	0.0
NEWFOUNDLAND	112.3	113.0	-0.6	109.4	2.7	110.6	110.8	-0.2	110.6	0.0
* MANITOBA RANK			6		4			7		10

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TABLE 3: PERCENT CHANGE COMPARISONS, MANITOBA AND CANADA

(AS OF APRIL 2000)

	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR		(2) CURRENT ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE		(3) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE	
MAIN COMPONENTS	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA
ALL ITEMS	2.4	2.1	3.1	3.6	2.3	2.2
FOOD	2.2	0.4	1.0	1.8	1.5	0.8
SHELTER	2.1	2.6	1.8	3.0	1.8	1.8
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	1.2	0.6	4.5	3.0	1.3	1.0
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	0.3	-0.7	3.1	3.1	1.8	1.1
TRANSPORTATION	3.4	4.5	4.1	6.1	4.5	5.2
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	4.3	1.4	6.2	1.8	2.9	1.8
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	2.9	2.8	5.7	8.7	1.8	2.3
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	1.8	3.0	3.5	2.5	2.3	2.3
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:						
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	2.3	2.5	3.8	4.7	2.4	2.5
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	1.6	1.3	2.8	3.7	1.9	1.5
ENERGY	8.6	13.6	9.5	12.7	7.3	11.7
GOODS	2.5	2.2	3.5	3.7	2.1	2.6
SERVICES	2.2	2.1	3.1	4.6	2.5	1.9

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TABLE 4: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR APRIL 2000: ALL ITEMS

(1992 = 100)

	APR 00	MAR 00	PERCENT CHANGE	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR	(2) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE
WINNIPEG	117.3	117.4	-0.1	2.3	2.2
WESTERN CITIES					
REGINA	116.8	116.7	0.1	2.3	1.8
SASKATOON	115.6	115.4	0.2	2.5	1.9
CALGARY	116.8	116.7	0.1	3.5	2.9
EDMONTON	114.5	114.4	0.1	3.2	2.8
VANCOUVER	112.9	112.8	0.1	1.5	1.3
VICTORIA	112.3	112.2	0.1	1.3	1.3
EASTERN CITIES					
THUNDER BAY	113.2	113.8	-0.5	2.0	2.3
TORONTO	113.3	113.9	-0.5	2.3	2.6
OTTAWA	114.3	114.9	-0.5	2.2	2.5
MONTREAL	109.7	110.0	-0.3	1.6	1.9
QUEBEC	110.4	110.7	-0.3	1.6	1.9
MARITIME CITIES					
SAINT JOHN, N.B.	111.8	112.1	-0.3	3.0	2.7
HALIFAX	112.3	112.5	-0.2	2.7	2.7
CHARLOTTETOWN	110.5	110.1	0.4	3.7	2.2
ST. JOHN'S, NFLD	112.3	112.9	-0.5	2.4	2.4
*WINNIPEG RANK (OUT OF 16 CITIES)			9	7	8

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - MAY 2000

	PERCENT CHANGE - ALL ITEMS INDEX	
	MAY 00/MAY 99	MAY 00/APRIL 00
MANITOBA	1.9	0.0
CANADA	2.4	0.5

The Manitoba all items index rose 1.9% in May 2000 compared with May 1999, down from an annual rate of 2.4% in April. Canada's annual rate of price increase last month was 2.4%, up from 2.1% the previous month.

Chart 1 presents a summary of price changes for Manitoba and Canada over the last two years. The method of calculation shown in Chart 1 is the most widely used, and is often referred to by the media as the **"inflation rate"**. It is based on the percent change between the current month and the same month the previous year.

Manitoba's annual inflation rate of 1.9% in May 2000 was tied with Newfoundland for the second lowest rate among the provinces. British Columbia was the lowest at 1.5%, while the highest annual rate last month was in Prince Edward Island at 4.8%. Winnipeg's annual rate of inflation in May was 2.0%, down from 2.3% in April.

On a month-to-month basis, the Manitoba all-items index was unchanged in May after declining 0.1% in April. Gasoline prices fell last month, as did prices for women's clothing and home maintenance and repairs. Prices for some food items were also lower, notably poultry, sugar and confectionery items, processed meats and non-alcoholic beverages. These decreases were completely offset by higher costs for travel services, inter-city transportation and some recreational services. Prices were also higher in May for fresh fruit and vegetables, footwear and household chemical products. Overall prices at the national level were 0.5% higher last month, after falling 0.4% in April.

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MONTHLY INFLATION RATE

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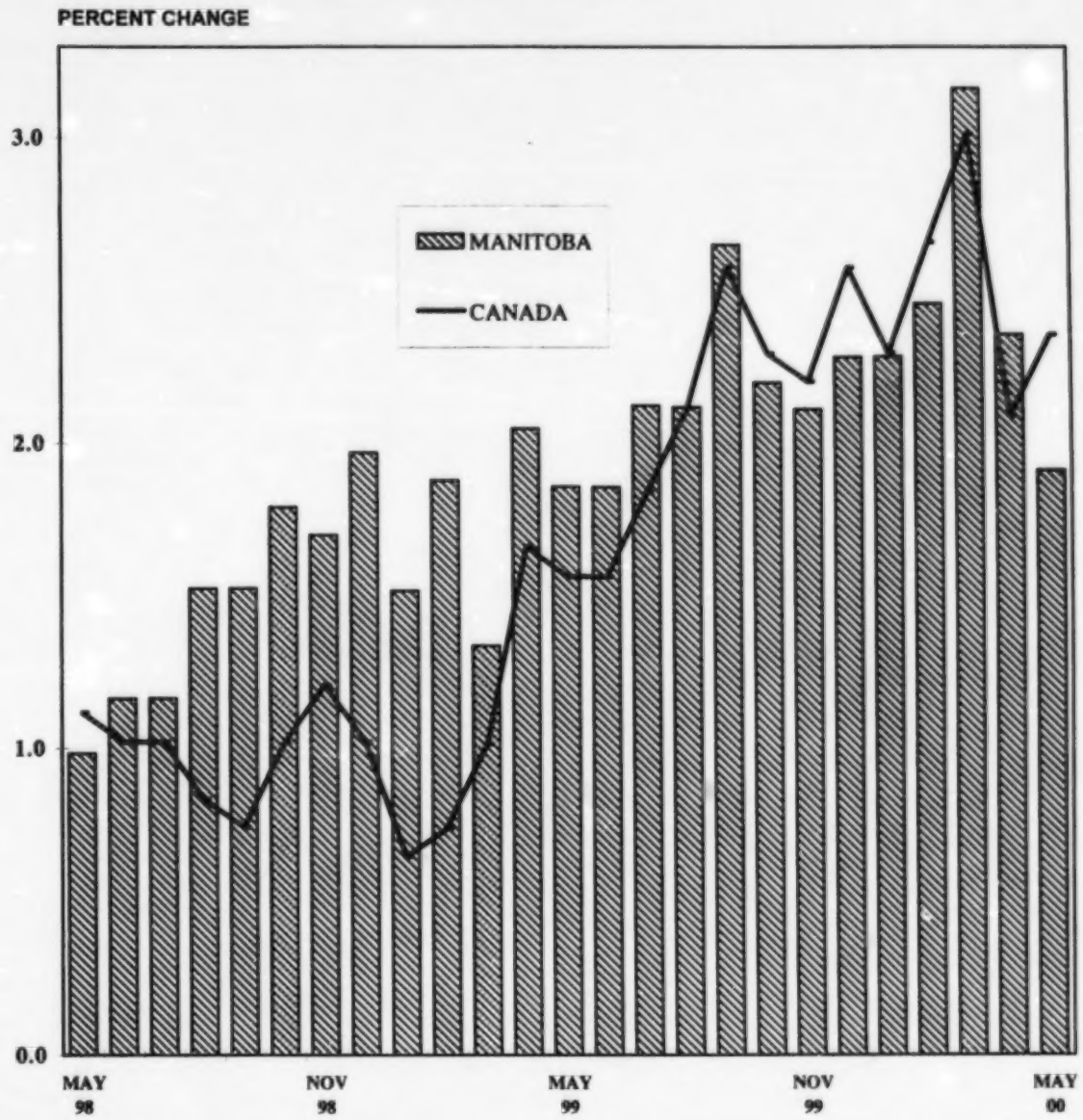

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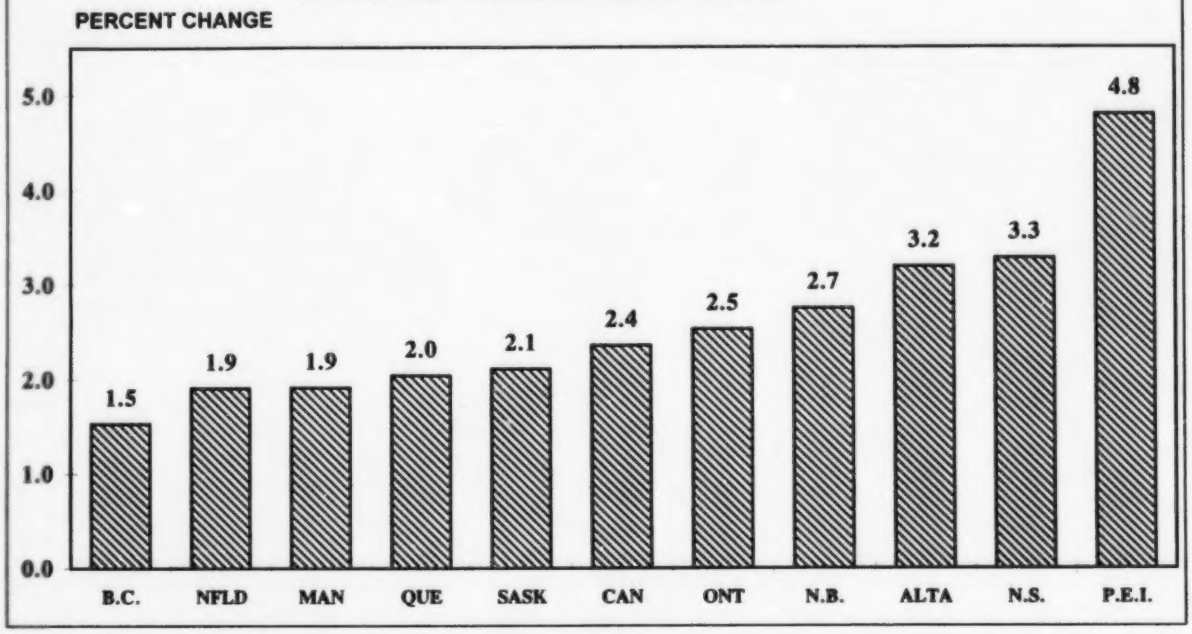

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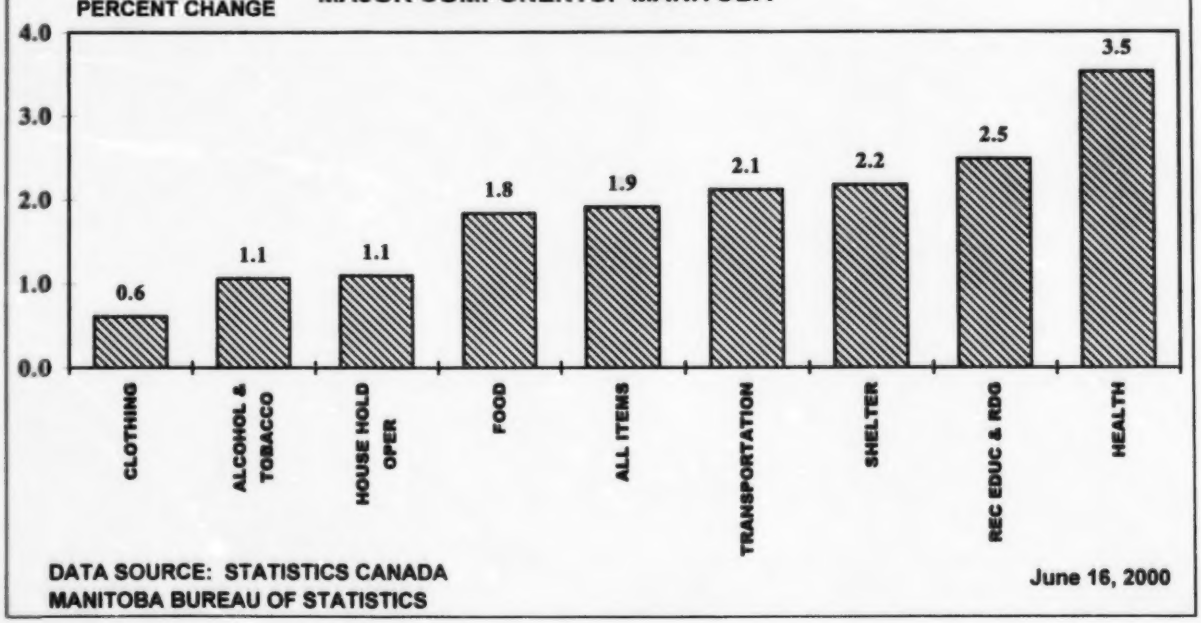

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TABLE 1: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR MAY 2000

(1992 = 100)

	MANITOBA					CANADA				
	MAY 00	APR 00	PERCENT CHANGE	MAY 99	PERCENT CHANGE	MAY 00	APR 00	PERCENT CHANGE	MAY 99	PERCENT CHANGE
MAIN COMPONENTS:										
ALL ITEMS	117.3	117.3	0.0	115.1	1.9	113.0	112.4	0.5	110.4	2.4
FOOD	116.4	116.2	0.2	114.3	1.8	112.1	111.3	0.7	111.1	0.9
SHELTER	112.8	112.8	0.0	110.4	2.2	107.8	107.5	0.3	104.6	3.1
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	110.7	110.2	0.5	109.5	1.1	109.6	109.5	0.1	109.1	0.5
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	115.9	117.4	-1.3	115.2	0.6	104.7	105.1	-0.4	104.9	-0.2
TRANSPORTATION	130.4	131.1	-0.5	127.7	2.1	129.9	129.2	0.5	124.1	4.7
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	114.6	114.5	0.1	110.7	3.5	112.1	111.5	0.5	110.4	1.5
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	123.9	122.5	1.1	120.9	2.5	122.7	121.0	1.4	119.6	2.6
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	104.9	104.8	0.1	103.8	1.1	97.4	96.8	0.6	94.7	2.9
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:										
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	117.6	117.6	0.0	115.3	2.0	113.2	112.8	0.4	110.3	2.6
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	117.0	116.7	0.3	115.2	1.6	111.9	111.6	0.3	110.4	1.4
ENERGY	122.8	124.7	-1.5	116.5	5.4	123.7	122.2	1.2	108.4	14.1
GOODS	114.9	115.3	-0.3	113.1	1.6	110.3	109.8	0.5	107.7	2.4
SERVICES	120.0	119.5	0.4	117.2	2.4	116.1	115.6	0.4	113.6	2.2

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TABLE 2: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR MAY 2000

(1992 = 100)

	ALL ITEMS					FOOD				
	MAY 00	APR 00	PERCENT CHANGE	MAY 99	PERCENT CHANGE	MAY 00	APR 00	PERCENT CHANGE	MAY 99	PERCENT CHANGE
MANITOBA	117.3	117.3	0.0	115.1	1.9	116.4	116.2	0.2	114.3	1.8
WESTERN PROVINCES										
SASKATCHEWAN	116.2	115.9	0.3	113.8	2.1	113.2	112.2	0.9	112.5	0.6
ALBERTA	116.6	115.9	0.6	113.0	3.2	111.7	110.7	0.9	109.1	2.4
BRITISH COLUMBIA	112.8	112.4	0.4	111.1	1.5	113.2	112.7	0.4	113.9	-0.6
EASTERN PROVINCES										
ONTARIO	113.7	113.0	0.6	110.9	2.5	111.7	111.0	0.6	111.3	0.4
QUEBEC	110.1	109.6	0.5	107.9	2.0	112.7	111.4	1.2	110.4	2.1
MARITIME PROVINCES										
NEW BRUNSWICK	112.3	112.1	0.2	109.3	2.7	110.7	110.3	0.4	110.5	0.2
NOVA SCOTIA	113.5	113.1	0.4	109.9	3.3	112.9	111.9	0.9	112.0	0.8
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	111.5	110.7	0.7	106.4	4.8	109.5	109.0	0.5	108.9	0.6
NEWFOUNDLAND	112.2	112.3	-0.1	110.1	1.9	110.2	110.6	-0.4	111.6	-1.3
* MANITOBA RANK			2		3			2		8

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TABLE 3: PERCENT CHANGE COMPARISONS, MANITOBA AND CANADA

(AS OF MAY 2000)

	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR		(2) CURRENT ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE		(3) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE	
MAIN COMPONENTS	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA
ALL ITEMS	1.9	2.4	2.1	3.6	2.3	2.3
FOOD	1.8	0.9	5.7	5.5	1.5	0.8
SHELTER	2.2	3.1	0.7	1.5	1.8	2.0
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	1.1	0.5	4.8	1.1	1.4	1.0
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	0.6	-0.2	-5.7	-2.3	1.9	0.9
TRANSPORTATION	2.1	4.7	-0.9	4.4	4.4	5.4
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	3.5	1.5	3.9	3.6	3.0	1.8
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	2.5	2.6	6.4	9.7	1.9	2.5
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	1.1	2.9	5.1	4.2	2.1	2.3
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:						
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	2.0	2.6	1.7	2.9	2.5	2.6
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	1.6	1.4	2.1	2.5	1.9	1.5
ENERGY	5.4	14.1	-1.3	5.3	7.4	12.6
GOODS	1.6	2.4	1.8	2.6	2.1	2.6
SERVICES	2.4	2.2	2.7	4.6	2.5	2.0

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TABLE 4: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR MAY 2000: ALL ITEMS

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	MAY 00	APR 00	PERCENT CHANGE	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR	(2) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE
WINNIPEG	117.4	117.3	0.1	2.0	2.3
WESTERN CITIES					
REGINA	117.2	116.8	0.3	2.2	1.9
SASKATOON	115.9	115.6	0.3	2.1	1.9
CALGARY	117.7	116.8	0.8	3.5	3.0
EDMONTON	115.1	114.5	0.5	3.0	2.8
VANCOUVER	113.3	112.9	0.4	1.9	1.5
VICTORIA	112.7	112.3	0.4	1.5	1.4
EASTERN CITIES					
THUNDER BAY	113.8	113.2	0.5	2.2	2.4
TORONTO	114.1	113.3	0.7	2.6	2.6
OTTAWA	114.9	114.3	0.5	2.4	2.5
MONTREAL	110.3	109.7	0.5	2.1	2.0
QUEBEC	110.9	110.4	0.5	1.9	2.0
MARITIME CITIES					
SAINT JOHN, N.B.	111.9	111.8	0.1	2.7	2.8
HALIFAX	112.7	112.3	0.4	3.0	2.8
CHARLOTTETOWN	111.2	110.5	0.6	4.3	2.5
ST. JOHN'S, NFLD	112.3	112.3	0.0	1.9	2.4
* WINNIPEG RANK (OUT OF 16 CITIES)			2	5	7

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - JUNE 2000

	PERCENT CHANGE - ALL ITEMS INDEX	
	JUNE 00/JUNE 99	JUNE 00/MAY 00
MANITOBA	2.3	0.4
CANADA	2.9	0.6

The Manitoba all items index rose 2.3% in June 2000 compared with June 1999, up from an annual rate of 1.9% in May. Canada's annual rate of price increase last month was 2.9%, up from 2.4% the previous month.

Chart 1 presents a summary of price changes for Manitoba and Canada over the last two years. The method of calculation shown in Chart 1 is the most widely used, and is often referred to by the media as the **"inflation rate"**. It is based on the percent change between the current month and the same month the previous year.

Manitoba's annual inflation rate of 2.3% in June 2000 was the second lowest among the provinces after British Columbia at 1.5%. The highest annual rate last month was in Prince Edward Island at 4.8%. Winnipeg's annual rate of inflation in June was 2.2%, up from 2.0% in May.

On a month-to-month basis, the Manitoba all-items index rose 0.4% in June after remaining unchanged in May. Higher gasoline prices were the main contributor to last month's overall increase. The cost of travel services and home maintenance and repair also rose. As well, increases were noted for cigarettes and some food items, notably fresh fruit, poultry and processed meats. These increases were partly offset by lower prices for footwear, some household goods and services and inter-city transportation. . Prices were also lower last month for household textiles, fresh vegetables and bakery products. Overall prices at the national level were 0.6% higher last month, after rising 0.5% in May.

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MONTHLY INFLATION RATE

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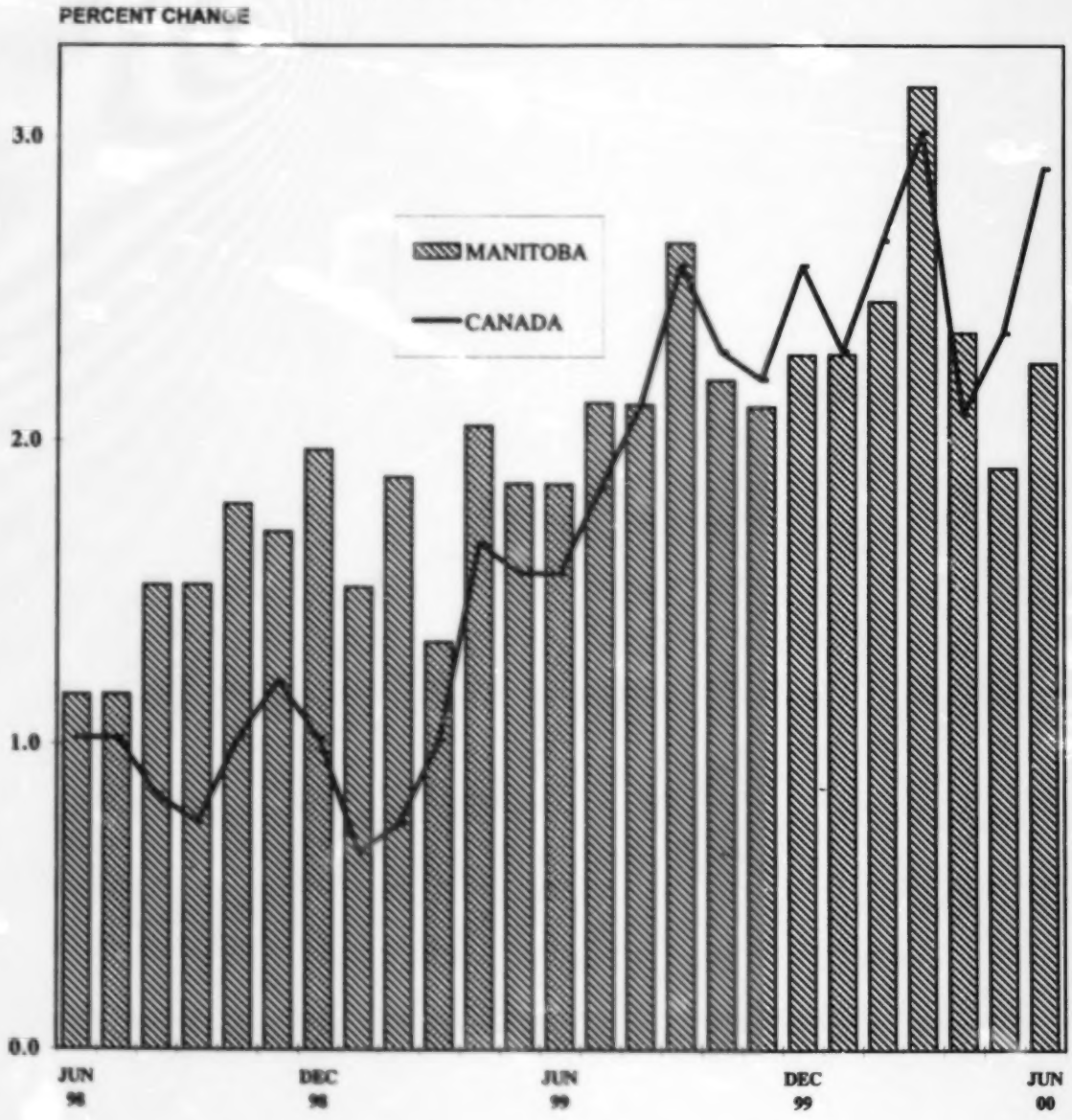

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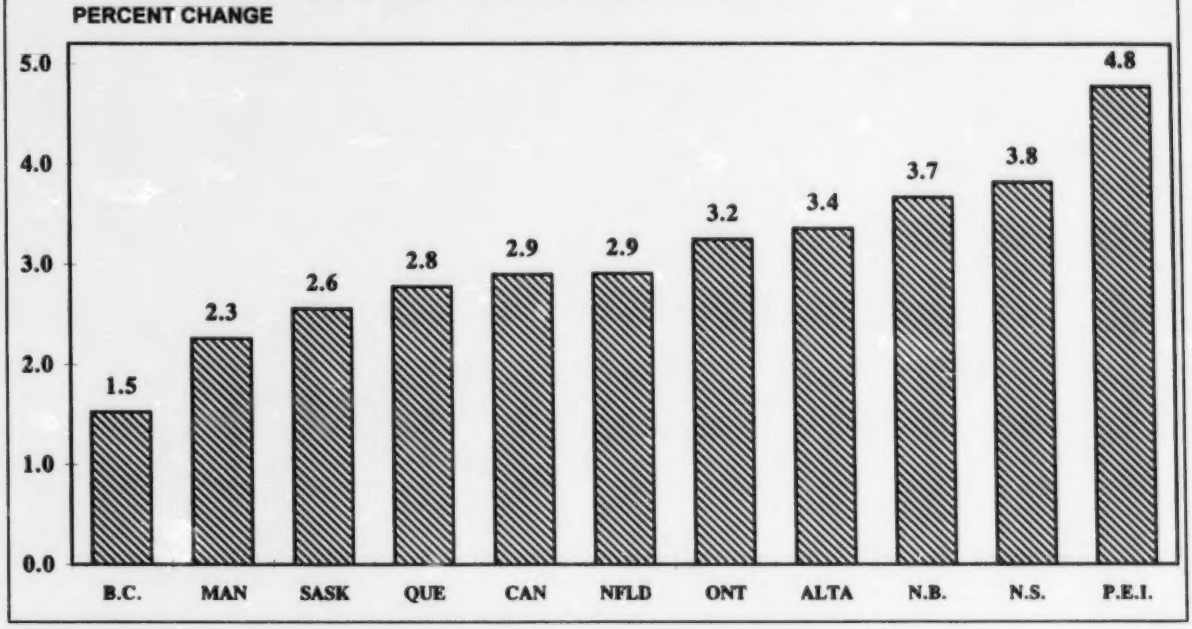

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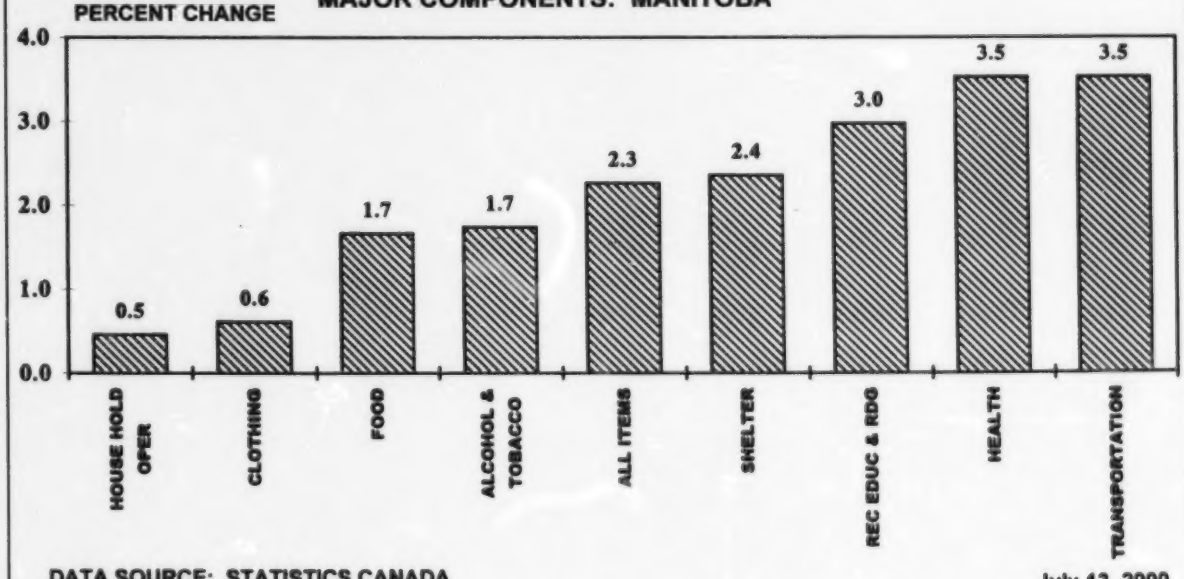

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(1992 = 100)

	MANITOBA					CANADA				
	JUN 00	MAY 00	PERCENT CHANGE	JUN 99	PERCENT CHANGE	JUN 00	MAY 00	PERCENT CHANGE	JUN 99	PERCENT CHANGE
MAIN COMPONENTS:										
ALL ITEMS	117.8	117.3	0.4	115.2	2.3	113.7	113.0	0.6	110.5	2.9
FOOD	116.4	116.4	0.0	114.5	1.7	112.9	112.1	0.7	111.5	1.3
SHELTER	113.1	112.8	0.3	110.5	2.4	108.1	107.8	0.3	104.7	3.2
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	110.5	110.7	-0.2	110.0	0.5	109.9	109.6	0.3	109.2	0.6
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	115.5	115.9	-0.3	114.8	0.6	104.6	104.7	-0.1	104.5	0.1
TRANSPORTATION	132.2	130.4	1.4	127.7	3.5	131.8	129.9	1.5	123.7	6.5
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	114.6	114.6	0.0	110.7	3.5	111.9	112.1	-0.2	110.5	1.3
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	124.9	123.9	0.8	121.3	3.0	123.9	122.7	1.0	120.6	2.7
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	105.6	104.9	0.7	103.8	1.7	97.9	97.4	0.5	94.7	3.4
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:										
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	118.2	117.6	0.5	115.4	2.4	114.0	113.2	0.7	110.4	3.3
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	117.2	117.0	0.2	115.3	1.6	112.2	111.9	0.3	110.6	1.4
ENERGY	126.6	122.8	3.1	116.5	8.7	128.4	123.7	3.8	107.6	19.3
GOODS	115.5	114.9	0.5	113.0	2.2	111.3	110.3	0.9	107.6	3.4
SERVICES	120.4	120.0	0.3	117.6	2.4	116.5	116.1	0.3	113.9	2.3

DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA

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TABLE 2: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR JUNE 2000

(1992 = 100)

	ALL ITEMS					FOOD				
	JUN 00	MAY 00	PERCENT CHANGE	JUN 99	PERCENT CHANGE	JUN 00	MAY 00	PERCENT CHANGE	JUN 99	PERCENT CHANGE
MANITOBA	117.8	117.3	0.4	115.2	2.3	116.4	116.4	0.0	114.5	1.7
WESTERN PROVINCES										
SASKATCHEWAN	116.5	116.2	0.3	113.6	2.6	112.8	113.2	-0.4	111.7	1.0
ALBERTA	117.1	116.6	0.4	113.3	3.4	111.9	111.7	0.2	109.2	2.5
BRITISH COLUMBIA	113.2	112.8	0.4	111.5	1.5	112.8	113.2	-0.4	113.7	-0.8
EASTERN PROVINCES										
ONTARIO	114.5	113.7	0.7	110.9	3.2	112.8	111.7	1.0	111.6	1.1
QUEBEC	111.1	110.1	0.9	108.1	2.8	114.0	112.7	1.2	111.8	2.0
MARITIME PROVINCES										
NEW BRUNSWICK	113.1	112.3	0.7	109.1	3.7	111.8	110.7	1.0	109.7	1.9
NOVA SCOTIA	114.2	113.5	0.6	110.0	3.8	113.6	112.9	0.6	111.7	1.7
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	111.9	111.5	0.4	106.8	4.8	110.2	109.5	0.6	109.6	0.5
NEWFOUNDLAND	113.3	112.2	1.0	110.1	2.9	111.5	110.2	1.2	111.7	-0.2
* MANITOBA RANK			4		2			3		6

DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA

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TABLE 3: PERCENT CHANGE COMPARISONS, MANITOBA AND CANADA

(AS OF JUNE 2000)

	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR		(2) CURRENT ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE		(3) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE	
MAIN COMPONENTS	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA
ALL ITEMS	2.3	2.9	1.4	3.2	2.3	2.4
FOOD	1.7	1.3	2.1	6.6	1.6	0.8
SHELTER	2.4	3.2	1.4	2.3	1.8	2.2
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	0.5	0.6	1.8	0.7	1.3	1.0
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	0.6	0.1	-4.4	-6.9	1.8	0.8
TRANSPORTATION	3.5	6.5	-2.7	2.2	4.4	5.7
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	3.5	1.3	2.8	3.3	3.1	1.7
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	3.0	2.7	9.1	10.7	2.1	2.6
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	1.7	3.4	4.3	5.1	1.9	2.4
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:						
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	2.4	3.3	1.4	2.9	2.5	2.8
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	1.6	1.4	2.1	2.2	1.9	1.5
ENERGY	8.7	19.3	-5.2	4.5	7.7	14.1
GOODS	2.2	3.4	-0.3	1.5	2.2	2.8
SERVICES	2.4	2.3	3.7	5.0	2.5	2.0

DATASOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA

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NOTE: THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS TO MEASURE THE ANNUAL PERCENT CHANGE OF THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE INFLATION RATE. THE ABOVE TABLE PRESENTS THREE DIFFERENT METHODS:

(1) THE MOST COMMONLY USED METHOD OF REPORTING THE INFLATION RATE, BASED ON PERCENT CHANGE FROM THE SAME MONTH ONE YEAR AGO.

(2) PROVIDES A MEASURE OF THE CURRENT ANNUAL RATE OF INFLATION. THE GROWTH RATE OVER THE PRECEEDING THREE MONTHS IS CALCULATED AND THEN COMPOUNDED AT AN ANNUAL RATE. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THESE CALCULATIONS HAVE NOT BEEN SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED.

(3) COMPARES THE AVERAGE OF THE 12 MONTHS ENDING THIS MONTH WITH THE AVERAGE OF THE 12 MONTHS ENDING ONE YEAR EARLIER.

TABLE 4: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR JUNE 2000: ALL ITEMS

(1992 = 100)

	JUN 00	MAY 00	PERCENT CHANGE	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR	(2) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE
WINNIPEG	117.8	117.4	0.3	2.2	2.3
WESTERN CITIES					
REGINA	117.5	117.2	0.3	2.5	2.0
SASKATOON	116.1	115.9	0.2	2.6	2.0
CALGARY	118.2	117.7	0.4	3.7	3.2
EDMONTON	115.6	115.1	0.4	3.2	3.0
VANCOUVER	113.8	113.3	0.4	1.9	1.5
VICTORIA	113.1	112.7	0.4	1.5	1.5
EASTERN CITIES					
THUNDER BAY	114.5	113.8	0.6	2.9	2.5
TORONTO	114.9	114.1	0.7	3.4	2.7
OTTAWA	115.8	114.9	0.8	3.2	2.6
MONTREAL	111.3	110.3	0.9	2.8	2.1
QUEBEC	111.9	110.9	0.9	2.6	2.1
MARITIME CITIES					
SAINT JOHN, N.B.	112.7	111.9	0.7	3.7	3.0
HALIFAX	113.4	112.7	0.6	3.6	3.0
CHARLOTTETOWN	111.5	111.2	0.3	4.2	2.8
ST. JOHN'S, NFLD	113.3	112.3	0.9	2.7	2.5
* WINNIPEG RANK (OUT OF 16 CITIES)			4	3	7

DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA

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NOTE: THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS TO MEASURE THE ANNUAL PERCENT CHANGE OF THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE INFLATION RATE. THE ABOVE TABLE PRESENTS TWO DIFFERENT METHODS:

(1) THE MOST COMMONLY USED METHOD OF REPORTING THE INFLATION RATE, BASED ON PERCENT CHANGE FROM THE SAME MONTH ONE YEAR AGO.

(2) COMPARES THE AVERAGE OF THE 12 MONTHS ENDING THIS MONTH WITH THE AVERAGE OF THE 12 MONTHS ENDING ONE YEAR EARLIER.